

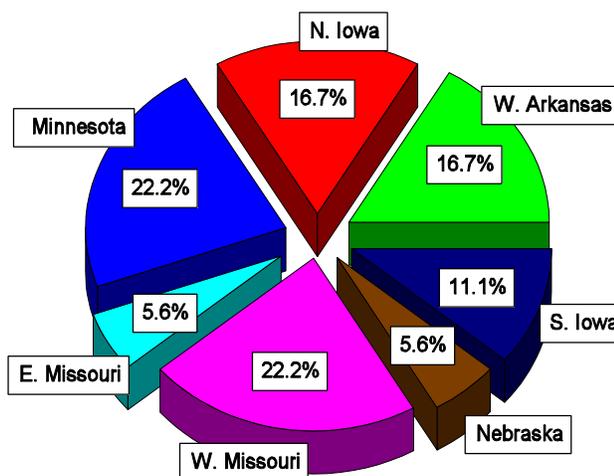
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT -- FIRST QUARTER 2004

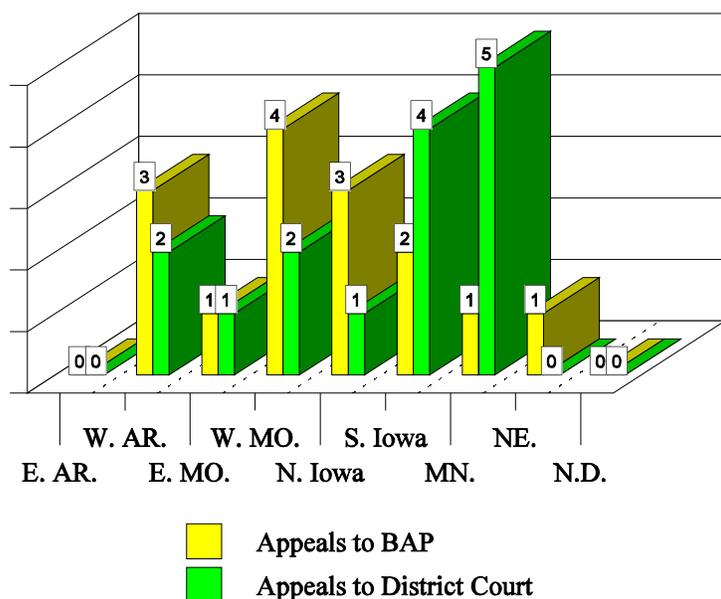
New Case Filings

Eighteen cases were docketed in the first three months of 2004. Eleven of these cases (61%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, ten were appeals from contested matters, eight were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

Eastern Arkansas	0
Western Arkansas	3
Northern Iowa	3
Southern Iowa	2
Minnesota	4
Eastern Missouri	1
Western Missouri	4
Nebraska	1
North Dakota	0
TOTAL	18



District Court Elections



The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In the first quarter of 2004, thirty appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Fifteen of those cases (50%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; fifteen of the cases (50%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

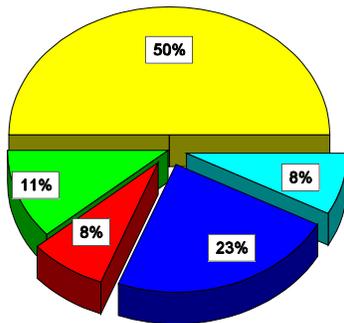
Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2004 and March 31, 2004.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Arg.	63 days 2 months	78 days 2.6 months	23 days .8 months	164 days 5.4 months
Cases Submitted w/o Arg.	62 days 2 months	38 days 1.2 months	13 days .4 months	113 days 3.6 months
All Cases	63 days 2 months	71 days 2.3 months	21 days .7 months	155 days 5 months

Panel Referrals

In the first quarter of 2004, five referrals were made to Administrative Panels; one of those cases was subsequently referred back to the panel, resulting in a total of six Administrative Panel referrals. Two cases were submitted on the merits without oral argument and thirteen cases were submitted on the merits after oral argument. Hearings were held in Omaha, St. Louis, St. Paul, Kansas City and Fargo.



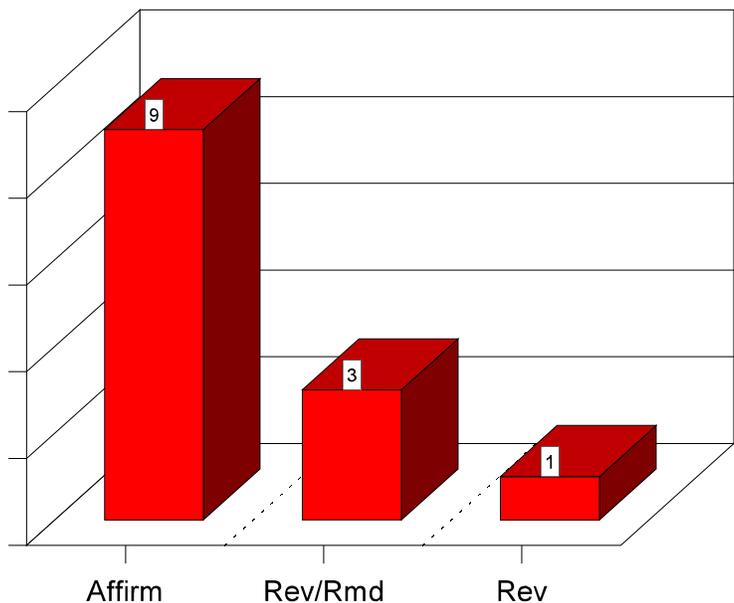
- Opinion - 13 Cases
- Aplee Election to D.Ct. - 3 Cases
- Voluntary Dismissal - 2 Cases
- Panel disp. Order - 6 Cases
- Default Jmt. - 2 Cases

Case Dispositions

Twenty-six cases were closed in the first three months of 2004. The Panel wrote a total of thirteen opinions which disposed of thirteen cases. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

Of the twelve opinions filed in the first quarter of 2004, four (33.3%) dismissed the appeal and eight (66.7%) affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision.



Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

Five notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first quarter of 2004. In addition, nine cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Five cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last three months, leaving a total of nine pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	2
Dismissed	2
Voluntarily Dismissed	1